Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Electronic mail comments can be sent to assessment@hq.doe.gov.

Comments received by November 6, 1996, will be considered in the Final Report. Comments received after that date will be considered by DOE to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: In an effort to provide more time for review of the report and maximize the opportunity for public participation, the Department will hold meetings at the following locations:

October 28

Oakland CA

Oakland Operations Office—Oakland Federal Building, Roybal Auditorium, North Tower, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Las Vegas, NV

U.S. Department of Energy Auditorium, Las Vegas Operations Office, 2753 South Highland, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Idaho Falls, ID (Televideo)
Idaho Operations Office, Building ID/
South—Room 78, 785 DOE Place,
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

October 30

Hanford, WA

Richland Operations Office, Federal Building Auditorium, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland, WA 99352

Portland, OR

Bonneville Power Administration, Room 106–905 N.E. 11th Street, Portland, OR 97232

November 1

Washington, DC

U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building Auditorium, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585

November 4

Pantex, Amarillo, TX Sunset Convention Center, 3701 Plains Boulevard, Amarillo, TX 79103

Rocky Flats, CO

Arvada Center for the Arts, Banquet Hall A—6901 Wadsworth Boulevard, Arvada, CO 80003

November 6

Savannah River, SC

North Augusta Community Center, Banquet Rooms A1/A2, 495 Brookside Avenue, North Augusta, GA 29841

Oak Ridge, TN

Pollard Auditorium, 210 Badger Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

There will be two sessions at each location: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm and 5:00 pm-8:30 pm.

For additional information or to preregister for any of the meetings, please call 1–800–835–8009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 1, 1996, the Department of Energy issued a Federal Register Notice of Intent; Request for Public Comment (61 FR 33909) regarding the outline and subsequent draft of a Nonproliferation and Arms Control Assessment to consider the nonproliferation and arms control implications of the reasonable alternatives under evaluation by the Department as identified in the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft PEIS) February 1996, DOE/EIS-0229-D.

The study, while not conducted as part of the formal National Environmental Policy Act process, was based on the outline which received public comment and was reviewed by a panel of experts. This panel was convened as a subcommittee of the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board (SEAB).

In soliciting public participation in the review of the Draft Report, the Department of Energy does not intend to revisit the PEIS. It does, however, invite interested agencies, organizations and the general public to provide comments and/or participate in informal meetings on the Draft Report. Written and oral comments will be accepted at these meetings to be held at the times and locations listed above. Persons desiring to participate in the meetings are requested to preregister by calling the toll-free number listed no later than one week prior to the meeting.

Comments will also be accepted by mail, via electronic mail or over the toll-free number listed above.

Issue Date: September 24, 1996. Michael V. McClary,

Executive Officer, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

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Office of Energy Research

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee.

DATES: Thursday, October 17, 1996—9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Friday, October 18, 1996—9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Hilton, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Patricia M. Dehmer, Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, ER–10, GTN, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874–1290, Telephone: (301)–903–3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Meeting:* The Committee will provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

Tentative Agenda:

October 17, 1996

Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Discussion on the Interactions with BES Staff and BESAC Members

Overview of BES-supported Technical Areas

Review and Approval of the BESAC Summary of the Report on the Value of Basic Energy Sciences

Public Comment (10-minute rule)

October 18, 1996

Report on the Neutron Source Upgrades

Discussion of Chairman for the Subcommittee for the Synchrotron Sources

Public Comment (10-minute rule). *Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Patricia Dehmer at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 24, 1996.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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